

PRIEST'S HOUSE
CAHOKIA ILLINOIS

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Priest's House, Cahokia, Illinois

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The fifth parish house was erected by Father Loisel in 1838 as his own private residence. It was quite a pretentious house for those days; built of brick with a colonial porch and colonnade in front, and is still standing west of the old church. After Father Loisel's death in 1845, the house passed to his mother, who sold it to the Cahokia school board. The building was used as a public school for girls from 1845 to 1848, with one of the nuns from the convent as teacher. The next year the property was transferred to the congregation during the pastorate of Father Ignatius Maes, and the succeeding pastors lived there till 1889, when the building was remodeled to accommodate the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood and their pupils. The Sisters moved into the old church in 1891, and Father Loisel's house was used again and for the last time as a residence for the priest. Since the departure of Father Dietrich in 1894, renters have occupied the house.

The remodeling that was done in 1889 consisted of a frame addition to the east. Some time later this frame por-

tion burned, after which the existing wing of frame was constructed towards the north.

Reference: From notes of Rev. R. Hynes
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